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SUBJ: BANGLADESH FLOOD-WHEAT SEED

REF: A. STATE 207959 B. DACCA 4285

FOR PERSON (AID) FROM DAJANI

1. THE INFORMATION REQUESTED REF A OBTAINED TODAY FROM
THE EXPORT-IMPORT CO. (GOE) IN CAIRO:
A. COST EX STORE $300 PER M/TON
B. INLAND TRANSPORT, LOADING AND)
UNLOADING TURCKS, TRANSIT INSURANCE,)
LOADING ON SHIP, ETC.(DISTANCE FROM) $150 PER M/TON
DIFFERENT STORES TO PORT SAFAGA RED SEA)
1,200KM) 150 TRUCKS)
TOTAL FOB $450 PER M/TON
SUBJECT TO ESCALATION
UP TO 5 PERCENT.

C. OCEAN FREIGHT $100 PER M/TON
D. MARINE INSURANCE $10 PER M/TON
TOTAL CIF $560 PER M/TON

2. S.S. AMOG-GREEK VESSEL REPORTEDLY CHARTERED BY BANGLADEESH
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SHIPPING CORPORATION-ARRIVING PORT SAFAGA RED SEA

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AROUND SEPTEMBER 30 AND READY FOR LOADING BY OCTOBER 4
OR 5.

DETAILS OF INLAND TRANSPORTATION AND LOADING OF SHIP
DISCUSSED WITH EXPORT IMPORT CO.OF GOE. ACCORDING
TO THEM IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, LOADING WILL BE
COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 14 AND ETA (CHG) WILL BE AROUND
NOVEMBER 5.

EXPECT BDG WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
SEED TO FARMERS BY NOVEMBER 23 THROUGH A TASK FORCE.

3. GORDON MCLEAN OF FORD FOUNDATION HAD CERTIFIED
THAT GERMINATION IS UNIFORMLY GREATER THAN 85 PERCENT WITH
MOST OF THE SAMPLES BEING 89 TO 97 PERCENT. ONLY MEXIPAK 65
IS AVAILABLE. MCLEAN ALSO ADVISES THAT THE ONLY
TREATMENT GIVEN TO THE WHEAT IS A WEEVIL KILLER
WHICH IS A HARMLESS POWDER WITH NO TIXICITY. MCLEAN
ALSO ADVISES THAT THE BULK WHEAT CONTAINS A "HIGH AMOUNT"
OF MUD BALLS WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REMOVE UNDER
LOCAL METHODS OF CLEARING.

4. REQUEST AID/W TO (1) REVIEW CIF PRICE AND
IF APPROVED DRA IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,240,000.00 AND

(2) WAVE SOURCE ORIGIN ELIGIBILITY 899 AND (3) WAVE
US FLAG REQUIREMENT ON BASIS NON-AVAIABILITY.

5. ACCORDING TO DAJANI, THE GOE OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT
THEY CAN MOVE SEED TO SAFAGA IN TIME TO MEET THE AMOS
WHEN IT DOCKS THERE. THEY ARE CONCERNED HOWEVER, AS
IS THE EMBASSY OF BANGLADESH,THAT NO FIRM CHARTER
COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY BDG TO THE AMOS AGENT HERE.
THEREFORE, THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO START MOVING THE WHEAT
FROM THE VARIOUS WAREHOUSES OVER THE CONSIDERABLE DISTANCES TO
SAFAGA WITHOUT ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT THE SHIP HAS BEEN
CHARTERED AND THERE WILL NOT BE A CONFLICT AT DOCKSIDE
AS TO WHICH GOODS ARE TO BE LOADED ON THE SHIP. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR HAS CABLED DACCA
TO OBTAIN FIRM INFORMATION, HOWEVER AS TIME IS SHORT
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BELIEVE THAT THIS IMPORTANT ELEMENT MUST BE TIED DOWN.
DACCA THERFORE REQUESTED ASCERTAIN IF SUCH A COMMITMENT
HAS BEEN MADE, AND MAKE SURE THAT SHIPPING COMPANY HAS
BEEN INSTRUCTED REGARDING LOADING OF WHEAT SEED AT SAFAGA.

6. FROM CAIRO IT APPEARS THAT BEFORE AID/W MAKES FINAL
DECISION ON PURCHASE OF WHEAT DACCA SHOULD (A) COMMENT
ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SHIP AND (B) MAKE UP-TO-THE-

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MINUTE JUDGMENT THAT WHEAT SEED ARRIVAL ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE WILL BE ADEQUATE TO MEET BDG'S NEEDS. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN DECISON HAS BEEN MADE.

7. DAJANI HAS JUST TELEPHONED EMBASSY AND INFORMED US THAT THE GOE HAS AGREED TO CHARTER THE AMOS IN ORDER TO INSURE THE COMPLETELY SMOOTH TRANSITION OF THE WHEAT FROM WAREHOUSE TO SHIP. THOSE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW BEING MADE.
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